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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 1, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Amendments to the Title are shown on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Title:

Please amend the Title at page 1 as follows:

Apparatus And Method for Thermally Cycling Samples of Biological Material with Substantial Temperature Uniformity